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STRIKE WITCHES
ONE WINGED WITCHES
NOW THAT THE PARTY IS OVER, LET'S ALL HELP WITH CLEANING
OKAY, ON IT!
PFF! WHAT A BOTHER!
AH...

IT WAS NO-THING.
S-SORRY, LAURA-SAN ... THANK YOU...
AH
JUST A STARTLE REFLEX.

BYE... I'M GOING BACK TO BED...
TSK, HOW UNFAIR! AND ALL SHE DOES ALL DAY IS LAZE AROUND.
EEH!! HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT AFTER SEEING WHAT SHE JUST DID!?
WH-WHAT!? WHY YOU!
BESIDES, FRAN, ALL YOU DO ALL DAY IS LAZE AROUND TOO!
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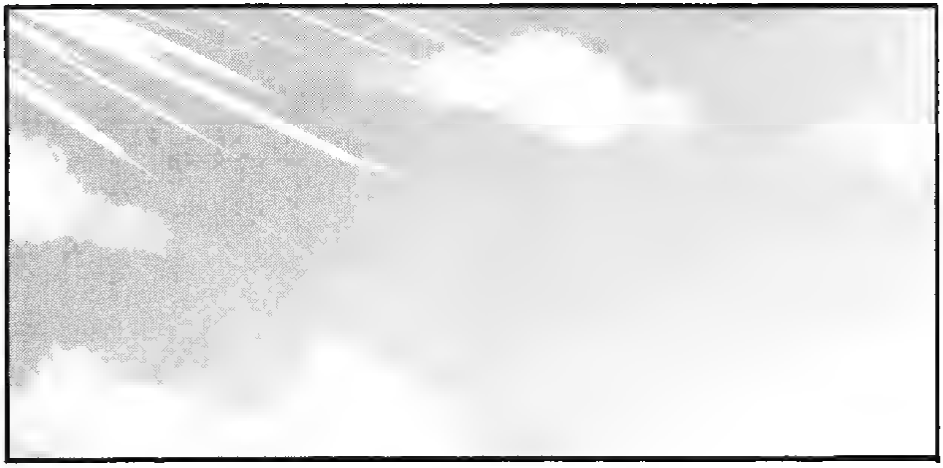
USEFUL IN COMBAT AND SHE BACKS IT UP WITH A LOT OF EXPERI-ENCE...

I WANTED HER TO LEAD THE SQUAD DURING BATTLE, BUT...
BUT WITH HER PER-SON-ALITY, I'M NOT SURE WHAT TO DO...

COM-MANDER, WAS THAT LAURA'S ...?
YEAH, HER INTRINSIC MAGICAL ABILITY.



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WE HAVE A SPOT OPEN IN THE SQIST...
IF YOU WANT TO...?
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BASE OF THE 501ST JOINT FIGHTER WING
LAURA TOTH!
HOLD IT, LAURA!
?
CHARGING THE ENEMY ALL BY YOURSELF...!?
IT TURNED OUT ALRIGHT IN THE END, BUT IF YOU KEEP THAT UP, YOU'LL SURELY LOSE YOUR LIFE!
I SAW YOU IN THE FIGHT JUST NOW. WHAT ON EARTH WERE YOU DOING?!
...?

WHAT A BOTHER ...
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
THE OTHERS WERE JUST TOO SLOW TO KEEP UP WITH ME.
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CALM DOWN, TRUDE.
WHAT DID YOU SAY!!
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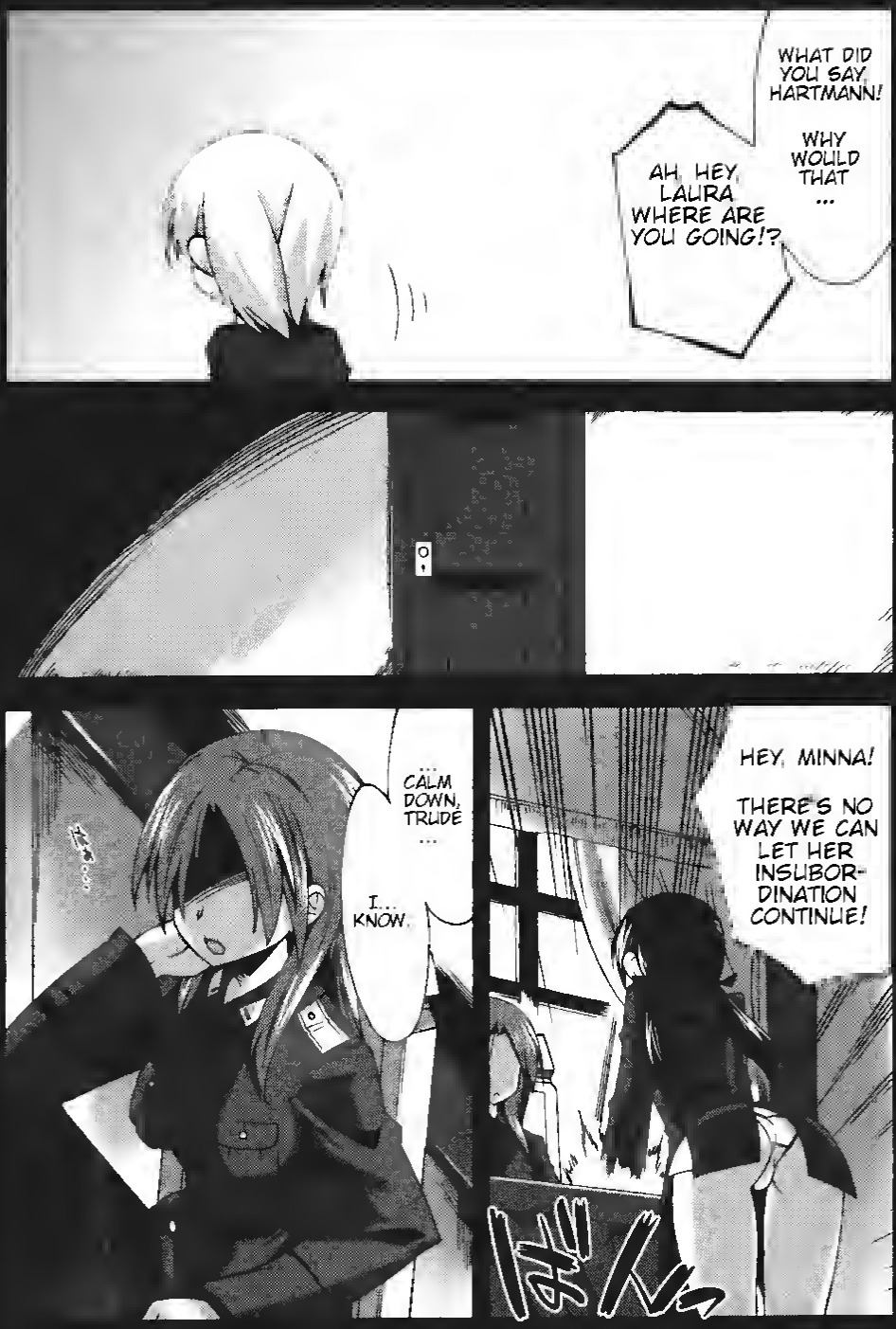
IS IT BECAUSE I ALWAYS FOLLOW HER?
YOU'VE BEEN REALLY BREATHING DOWN HER NECK LATELY.


WHAT DID YOU SAY, HARTMANN!
WHY WOULD THAT ...
AH, HEY, LAURA WHERE ARE YOU GOING!?
O!
... CALM DOWN, TRUDE ...
I... KNOW.
HEY, MINNA!
THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN LET HER INSUBORDINATION CONTINUE!
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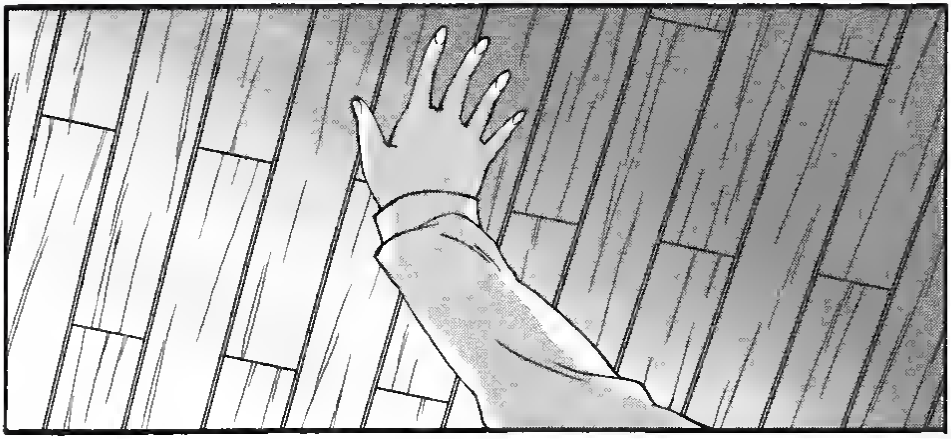
NOW THAT OUR SQUAD IS JUST ME, TRUDE, ERIKA, AND MIO AND THE GIRL SHE SCOUTED, PERRINE...
LAURA HASN'T GOT ANYONE ANYMORE SHE GETS ALONG WITH...
MAYBE IT REALLY WILL BE BETTER TO SEND HER TO THAT NEWLY FORMED DETACHMENT.
IT'S A BIT TOUGH SENDING HER AWAY LIKE THAT...
BUT AT LEAST IT WILL HELP THE GIRLS IN THE OTHER SQUAD TOO.
BESIDES, THE HIGHER UPS ARE DEMANDING A LOT, LATELY...
...I'VE GOT TO DRAW THE LINE.
...I SEE.
SO I'LL BE REASSIGNED?

I'M SO SORRY THAT I WASN'T ABLE TO PROTECT YOU...
NO, IT'S FINE.
I CAN FIGHT THE NEURO WHEREVER I AM.
SO I DON'T CARE WHO I'M WORKING WITH.
...DON'T SAY SUCH SAD THINGS.
I'M SURE THAT YOU WILL ONE DAY FIND A PARTNER WELL-SUITED FOR YOU.
UNTIL THEN, HANG IN THERE AND DON'T GIVE UP HOPE.

I WONDER IF SHE'S RIGHT...
...THAT I WILL FIND A PARTNER, EVEN IF ALL I'M GOOD AT IS COMBAT.
IF I REALLY WILL ONE DAY, THEN...
I WILL...



I'LL BE FINE EVEN IF I WON'T.
WHAT AM I SAYING ...
AH
I DON'T MIND AT ALL
BEING ALONE.

...NO, I SHOULD GO MYSELF.
SO SHALL I DO IT?
...WHEN IT COMES TO THESE THINGS, IT'S BEST TO HAVE A ONE-ON-ONE TALK.
I MEAN, ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME I ACTED MY ROLE AS COMMANDER?

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